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Letter dated 20 October 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith information bulletins from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic for the period 18 to 20 October 2017 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the present letter and its annex to be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) V. **Nebenzia**

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Annex to the letter dated 20 October 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (18 October 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported four incidents of gunfire in the following Governorates: two in Damascus and two in Homs.

The Turkish representative office has not reported any violations.

Most incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the terrorist groups Nusrah Front and the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out two humanitarian operations:

2.8 tons of food were delivered to the local population in a populated area; and 2.5 tons of food were delivered to the local population in Khalidiyah, Hama Governorate.

The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered was 5.3 tons.

In total, 1,650 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

The total weight of humanitarian cargo that has been delivered is 2,240.6 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, Russian military doctors have provided medical assistance to 308 people.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 60,307 residents.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, three ceasefire agreements have been signed in Kafr Mus and Fulayfil in Idlib Governorate and Tasnin in Homs Governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 2,255.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah Governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (19 October 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported 13 incidents of gunfire in the following Governorates: two in Damascus, four in Homs, two in Qunaytirah, four in Aleppo and one in Hama.

The Turkish representative office has reported one violation in Damascus Governorate.

Most incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the terrorist groups Nusrah Front and ISIL.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out one humanitarian operation: 4.4 tons of food products were delivered to the local population in Tayyibah, Damascus Governorate.

In total, 1,651 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

The total weight of humanitarian cargo which has been delivered is 2,244.9 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 206 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 60,513 residents.

A humanitarian convoy was sent through the United Nations to a populated area in Homs Governorate and delivered food products and medicines, with a total weight of 162 tons.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, no ceasefire agreements have been signed with populated areas.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process remains unchanged at 2,255.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah Governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (20 October 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported six incidents of gunfire in the following Governorates: one in Aleppo, two in Homs, two in Damascus and one in Dar'a.

The Turkish representative office has reported one violation in Dar'a Governorate.

Most of the incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the terrorist groups Nusrah Front and ISIL.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out one humanitarian operation in Ghasibiyah in Homs Governorate. A total of 1.5 tons of food products was delivered to the local population.

In total, 1,652 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

The total weight of humanitarian cargo which has been delivered is 2,246.5 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 109 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 60,622 residents.

A humanitarian convoy was sent through the United Nations to a populated area in Homs Governorate. Food products and medicines with a total weight of 162 tons were delivered to the local population.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, no ceasefire agreements have been signed with populated areas.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process remains unchanged at 2,255.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.